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1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT ELECT CAMPORA THIS WEEK PUBLICALLY DEFINED THE INTENDED POLICY OF HIS GOVERNMENT VIS- A- VIS THE ARMED FORCES:

1) THEY WILL DEFEND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY FROM WITHIN, NOT EXERCISING ANY TUTELARY ROLE OVER THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. (THEY WILL NOT BE " REPRESSIVE" OR " OCCUPATION FORCES");

2) THEY WILL PURSUE THEIR TECHNICAL, PROFESSIONAL VOCATION; AND

3) THEY WILL SUBORDINATE THEIR INTERESTS TO THE ELECTED AUTHORITIES INTERPRETATION OF NATIONAL INTERESTS (" I WILL BE THE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF").

OTHER CONTACTS AND STATEMENTS THIS WEEK REVEAL NO HITCHES IN THE APPROACH TO THE TRANSFER OF POWER MAY 25.

2. CAMPORA ADDRESSED SEVERAL HUNDRED ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED JUSTICIALISTA ARMED FORCES OFFICERS MAY 16; HE IMPLICITY CRITICIZED THE INCUMBENT GOVERNMENT BY REJECTING FOR HIS REGIME CERTAIN OF ITS CHARACTERISTICS (SUMMARY ABOVE) AS
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WELL AS EXPLICITY REFERRING TO IT AND AS " THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP".

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AT THE SAME TIME HE CALLED FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MILITARY TOGETHER WITH ALL SECTORS IN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND REJECTED ANY " RETALIATION".

3. MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT LANUSSE MOVED OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE IN OLIVOS YESTERDAY AND WILL HAVE HIS CHANCE TO SUM UP AND VINDICATE HIS ADMINISTRATIONS IN A SPEECH TONIGHT (MAY 18) TO THE GENERALS WHO RETIRE THIS YEAR. LA OPINION REPORTS RUMORS THAT
CAMPORA AND LANUSSE MIGHT MEET PRIVATELY PRIOR TO LANUSSE' S SPEECH (CAMPORA MET WITH ALL THREE JUNTA MEMBERS MAY 3).

4. THE OTHER TWO JUNTA MEMBERS SPOKE EARLIER THIS WEEK WITHOUT CAUSING ANY STIRS. AIR FORCE CINC REY SPECIFICALLY STATED NO IMPEDIMENTS EXIST TO MAY 25 TRANSFER OF POWER, WHILE NAVY CINC CODA PATTED JUNTA ON BACK FOR SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS AND PRSPECTS FOR A UNITED SOCIETY DESPITE A MERE 50 PERCENT MAJORITY IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS. HE WARNED OF THE AND DANGER OF CHAOS FROM INFILATRATION OF LEGITIMATE GROUPS BY FOREIGN EQUIPPED, TRAINED, AND INDOCTRINATED TERRORISTS AND REAFFIRMED AS TRADITIONAL POLICY FOR THE NAVY DEVOTION TO AND DEFENSE OF CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES.
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